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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor, said joint inventors being Brian McMillan and Doug Klamm, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

BURIED SPLICE ENCLOSURE

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 (including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s):

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	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status: patented, pending, abandoned</u>
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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) listed below to prosecute this application for **BURIED SPLICE ENCLOSURE** and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and to file and prosecute any corresponding foreign applications,

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